

PARISH OF WHEATLEY

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of WHEATLEY held on Thursday
16th April 2009 at The Merry Bells at 7.30 pm

Chairman Janet Carr, Chairman of Wheatley Parish Council
Officer: Gareth Morris, Clerk to the Parish Council

PRESENT: 26 members of the public including: Parish Councillors: J Carr
(Chairman), C. Dalton, R T Bell, N Messenger & C Sprent and 21 other electors of
Wheatley.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Ann Purse

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors G Birks & P Willmott, Peter Targett, PCSO K
Cooney, Gordon Ewbank, Bernice Rye, Bob Lowrie, Irene Hill, Tracy Winfield, Paul
Edson & Kate Curtis.(Headteacher, Wheatley Park Secondary School)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Health and
Safety and housekeeping announcements.

1. **MINUTES of the previous ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of 29.04.2008**,
Tabled. The Minutes were APPROVED and SIGNED by the Chairman as a
correct and accurate record.
2. **MATTERS ARISING – None**
3. **REPORTS**
 - i. **THAMES VALLEY POLICE - PCSO Ken Cooney** had tabled crime
figures for the Wheatley area for the period 01.01.09 to 31.03.09. The
Clerk presented the report. See **Report A**
 - ii. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP – Mr Clive Durbin**, Chairman of
the NAG presented his report. See **Report B**
 - iii. **WHEATLEY FIRE SERVICE – Mr Peter Smith**, Acting Watch Manager,
Wheatley Fire Station presented his report. See **Report C**
 - iv. **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – County Councillor Mrs Anne
Purse** presented her report. See **Report D**
 - v. **DISTRICT COUNCIL – District Councillor Mrs J Carr** presented her
report. See **Report E**

- vi **WHEATLEY PARK SPORTSFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
 - i Mrs Mary Blake presented her report. See **Report F**
 - ii Mr Paul Edson (a Parish Council representative on the WPSFMC had tabled a report on the proposal for new changing /social facility. In Mr Edson's absence the Clerk read out the report. See **Report G**

- vii **WHEATLEY CHARITIES** – Mr Peter Targett had tabled a report. In his absence the Clerk read out the report. See **Report H**

- viii **WHEATLEY COMMON ALLOTMENT-THE HOWE TRUST** – Dr Malcolm Benson, Chairman, presented his report. See **Report I**

- ix **MERRY BELLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – Mr Mike Carr the acting Chairman, presented his report. See **Report J**

- x **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WHEATLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH**
Mr Peter Jackson, Secretary presented his report. See **Report K**

- xi **WHEATLEY SCOUT GROUP** –No report

- xii **WHEATLEY GIRL GUIDES** – Mrs Bernice Rye had tabled a report. In her absence the Clerk read it out. See **Report L**

- xiii **EMMA WILSON TRUST FUND** - Mr Chris Sewell presented his report. See **Report M**

- xiv **WHEATLEY PRODUCTIONS** – Mr Ian Germaine presented his report. See **Report N**

- xv **WHEATLEY WINDMILL RESTORATION SOCIETY** – Mrs Caroline Dalton presented her report. See **Report O**

- xvi **WHEATLEY SOCIETY** – Dr Jim Watson presented his report. See **Report P**

- xvii **ST MARY'S CHURCH.** – Mr Christopher Sprent presented his report. See **Report Q**

- xiii **FUSION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY** – Mr Gordon Ewbank had tabled his report. In his absence the Clerk read out the report. See **Report R**

- xix **WHEATLEY VILLAGE ARCHIVE** – Mrs Sue Prest presented her report. See **Report S**

- xx **COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP** – Mr Paul Bailey had tabled his report. In Mr Baileys absence the Clerk read out the report. See **Report T**

- xxi **WHEATLEY VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION** – no report

- xxii **WHEATLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL** - no report

- xxiii **WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL, HOLTON** – no report
- xxiv **REPORTS FROM OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS** – No other village organisations were present
- xxv **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT** - Cllr Caroline Dalton presented her report. **See Report U**
- xxvi **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Cllr Janet Carr presented her report. **See Report V**

At the end of the meeting the Chairman thanked all the presenters for their obvious enthusiasm for the organisations they represented and the members of the public for the attendance and invited everyone to stay for refreshments

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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24th March 2010



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Wheatley Parish Clerk

From: Cooney Ken [Ken.Cooney@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk]
Sent: 31 March 2009 13:50
To: clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: police report for upcoming pc meeting

Hello Gareth,

As promised please see my report below regarding reports made to Thames Valley police from the residents of Wheatley between 01/01/09-31/3/09. There are 244 calls in total.

Not all of these are crimes, these are simply all of the calls we have received.

Miscellaneous	x83	
Missing Person	x2	
Robbery	x1	
Domestic violence	x19	
Harassment	x2	
Suicide	x1	
Traffic	x49	(includes accidents)
Theft of vehicle	x10	
Theft from vehicle	x5	
Theft	x1	
Fire	x4	
Shoplifting	x10	
Racist incident	x1	
Criminal damage	x12	
Fear for Welfare	x6	
Burglary	x7	
Anti Social Behaviour	x25	(includes incidents in pubs)
Complaint against police	x1	
Assault	x3	
Sexual offence	x1	
Armed robbery	x1	

As you may be aware the biggest issues we have had on the area in recent months were the spate of armed robberies across the area and a sudden increase in the theft of older style cars such as ford fiesta's, Vauxhall corsa's etc or their number plates. Often these vehicles or their number plates were then used in crime and the vehicles later abandoned. Since arrests have been made regarding both the armed robberies and the car related crime the area has been relatively quiet.

I hope this is acceptable?

Regards,

Ken Cooney,
 PCSO C9814,
 Thame Police Station,
 Greyhound Lane,
 Thame,
 Oxon,
 OX9 3ZD



Wheatley Parish Clerk

From: Cooney Ken [Ken.Cooney@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk]
Sent: 16 April 2009 09:14
To: clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: speed checks in wheatley

Hi Gareth,

Just for your info I was in Wheatley yesterday (15/4/09) for around 1.5 hrs during the morning doing speed checks on London road. 18 vehicles went past me at excess speed and they will receive a warning letter from TVP.

Just wanted you to be aware.

Regards,

Ken Cooney,
PCSO C9814,
Thame Police Station,
Greyhound Lane,
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Wheatley Fire Station

Wheatley Fire Station, situated in the Old London Road, is a Retained Fire Station currently crewed by 13 personnel, made up of 11 male and 2 female firefighters who come from a variety of backgrounds and occupations.

Retained Firefighters are individuals who go about their daily lives but in the event of an emergency respond to the fire station when their pager alerts them.

In 2008/09 the station responded to 286 incidents covering all kinds of emergencies including many for the Brigades Water Tender/Foam Carrier which is based at Wheatley (the only one in the County).

As well as attending incidents we also offer Fire Safety advice and carried out many Home Risk Assessments and fitting of Smoke Detectors. We also gave Road Safety talks under the heading 'Choices and Consequences' to year 11 at Wheatley Park School in an attempt to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities suffered by young drivers.

In the past 12 months there has been a change in leadership at Wheatley. I (Peter Smith) took over in January when Clive Durbin moved across to a training role after more than 26 years service to the community, 9 of which were as Officer in Charge.

Last year also saw the station go past the 3000 day total for continued availability, a feat bettered by only 1 other station in the county. This is a testament to the commitment of the individuals currently on station. However this is increasingly at risk, due in no small part to retirements, and we are currently seeking replacements. In particular we need people who can respond during the day. To help us with this we are planning Open Days where individuals can see what we do and hopefully inspire them to join.

Peter Smith

Acting Watch Manager, Wheatley Fire Station

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Wheatley Parish Clerk

From: Cllr Anne Purse [Anne.Purse@Oxfordshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 April 2009 10:04
To: Wheatley Parish Clerk
Subject: Wheatley Annual Parish Meeting

County Council issues in Wheatley are much more often continuing long running ones, rather than entirely new ones! The most common are about roads and traffic

The noise from the A40 is hardly a new issue, but it is one that has actually got considerably worse. Some years ago I got an assurance that when the road needed repairing, the County would do it in one of the new quiet surfaces. After years of pressing for this to happen, at last the County has bid for government money for the Oxford bound carriageway as that is the one which is most worn out. The government gives the money because of the need to repair the road, not because of the noise the road makes. The news is that this carriageway will be re-surfaced, but not until 2010/11. With the Parish Council, I have been lobbying for the County to do more to make this road quieter – there are four ways – reduce the amount of traffic (hardly likely!!!), reduce the speed of traffic, provide a quieter surface, install sound barriers. I intend to press for both carriageways to be resurfaced, and for proper sound measurements to be taken so that we can understand exactly how serious this issue is. Unfortunately, a recent County Council debate showed a lack of concern about these issues. However, the fight for a quieter Wheatley and Holton will continue as long as I am Councillor for this area.

Concerns were raised about the double yellow lines in Old London Road, but despite my intervention, the County do not seem happy to shift their stance on this in any way. However, there has been some benefit from having the stretches with lines.

The issue about the A40 bound traffic on Park Hill acting as if it is on a two lane slip road is one I have discussed with officers, and I am pleased to say that a further deterrent to this traffic using both sides of the road to get to the A40 is to have solid white lines in the middle of the road. Lets hope that resolves that potential for a very nasty accident.

In the last couple of months we have seen the results of the rather severe winter, with pot holes and the breaking up of roads around ironworks (grids, manholes etc). I am very concerned that in this area we are not seeing the repairs I think we need and deserve. There are now some really bad areas which have been brought to my attention, and I continue to press for repairs as a matter of urgency.

I continue to hear rumours about possible new roads if the proposed development south of Grenoble Road goes ahead. I hope this is not the beginning of yet another chapter of road issues!!!

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Wheatley Annual Parish Meeting
16th April 2009

District Councillor Report
Janet Carr

A busy year and one dominated by issues which affect our area ,such as Waste,Green Belt,Core Strategy,Flooding,Planning.

With regard to the flooding on the 3rd of June last year,the highway authority has undertaken gully clearance in the village,particularly the High Street,where some of the worst flooding occurred.They have also carried out the clearance and survey of the main culvert under the High Street,as recommended,and this has been found to be in generally good condition.Redesigning and replacing the inadequate debris grid at Blenheim Lane,to prevent debris entering the High Street culvert is also taking place.The grid at Ambrose Rise Stream has been similarly replaced.Flows into the village from Shotover to the west are being monitored,as recommended,though no exceptional flows have been apparent this past winter.£20,000 was allocated for flood alleviation works for Wheatley and approved by the council for 2009/2010.Work is still ongoing.

Waste bins are now very prominent around the village and this system commences on the 8th of June.There are a number of problems as with any new system and a 'phone call/e-mail to SODC should sort matters out,if not I am prepared to assist anyone in distress.

Planning issues appear to become more contentious, which in itself puts more pressure on even our own planning committee, and an increasing need to attend SODC planning committees in order to justify Parish Council decisions.

The decision on the Grenoble Road development is imminent and SODC remain firmly against building on the Green Belt.If this goes ahead there is no doubt that Wheatley will be in the firing line for cut through traffic.This is one of the reasons I intend to support the rally organised by the Oxford Green Belt Network and The Campaign to Protect Rural England this coming Sunday 19th April at Horspath Village Hall at 4pm,indeed anyone who wishes to protect our countryside may wish to join me, as our green belt is under severe threat of development and once it is gone it is lost forever.

Core Strategy,this is where things become complicated, as contrary to SODC,S policy of protecting the green belt,this does not extend to Wheatley



and Berinsfield. I have been told that this is difficult for me, but frankly I have no problem with remaining loyal to SODC as far as protecting the green belt is concerned. However it must, and will, extend to Wheatley as far as I am concerned in view of certain factors. More of this in my Parish Report.



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**REPORT TO WHEATLEY PARISH MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 16TH 2009**

WHEATLEY PARK SPORTS FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MARY BLAKE – SECRETARY

Sadly Mr Audley Miller passed away in January, he was a founder member of the committee and served for many years as Chairman, He will be missed.

Members of the committee nominated by the County Council for the year under review were:- Councillor Mrs Anne Purse; Mrs Sonja Barter; M/s Beverly Price Mr Percy Blake; Mr Stephen Pearson and Mr Keith Williams. The Parish nominees being: Mr Roger Bell; Mr P Bayliss : Mr Richard Cosier; Mr Paul Edson, and Mr Paul Willmott.

Mr Roger Bell served as Chairman, during the year, when seven meetings were held including the Annual General meeting which took place in June.

A consultation document prepared by the District Council regarding sporting facilities in the area, appeared to have some discrepancies. The Chairman and Richard Cosier responded for the committee, the Parish Council also responded.

A netball club was set up with the committee providing two courts on the tarmac area at Holton. Football income was at an all time high of £3,500, with monies coming from adult and junior clubs for fixtures and training, and from soccer coaching schemes and a tournament. Rubgy income comes mainly from a single club, but also from training for the County under 18's and Brookes University. Cricket income was £600.00.

There has been some criticism of Enterprise, the contractors who maintain the facilities, and they are working to improve matters, in particular to weed control. However, when it is considered the pitches at Holton are used by the school daily from nine until four and sometimes later when fixtures are played. With the public fixtures played on Saturday and Sunday and that training taking place each evening these pitches probably have more use than any others in the area.

The committee further encouraged the newly formed sports association to pursue their plans for a new pavilion, on the sports field, with many added features, together with more and improved pitches. Several Local clubs are interested in amalgamating to help provide these new facilities.

Problems with owners of dogs walking them on the sports fields and fouling pitches has caused problems over the years. With this in mind new notices have again been erected on all the sports fields.

In January, after looking at spending during the financial year, it was evident there was some leeway for further expenditure within the precept. Members were encouraged to bring forward projects for improvements. As a result



the area to the front of the pavilions, where the drainage had broken down , has had new drainage installed, improving the grid area for training. The turning area to the front of the Club House was also re instated. The second project undertaken was to decompact the pitches and to put in new drainage to the top quarter of the rugby pitch. This area was continually water logged during wet periods.

With this area better drained in future seasons, it is hoped less fixtures will be lost to the weather with the resulting increased income.

The overall precept for the year ended 31st March 2009 was for some £70,600 with the Parish Council share, after the committees' income is deducted, the approximate amount payable will be £7,650.00.

Overall, another busy year for the committee, to whom I would express a big thank you for their support, and I have welcomed the co-operation of Mr Stephen Pearson for the school and of Mr Anthony Shepherd for Enterprise and who help to make this 'Joint Use Scheme' now running in it's 36th year a another successful one.





HOLTON PLAYING FIELDS

PROPOSAL FOR NEW CHANGING/SOCIAL FACILITY

(‘The Cromwell Sports Centre Project’)

Following initial consultations with the sports community in Wheatley and Holton outline plans have been drawn up (courtesy of John McCormack), have been discussed with the interested parties and with the school, and have been revised.

The basic proposal is to replace the existing, inadequate, changing facilities and rugby clubhouse in the north east corner of the site with a new, purpose-built, facility on what is currently the tarmaced tennis courts, which are rarely used).

The ground floor will consist of 8 pairs of changing rooms, an office, a treatment room, an indoor training hall (which will NOT be suitable to compete with the existing sports halls in the Park Sports Centre) and 12 storage rooms (the size of double garages), 10 of which will be accessed from the outside of the building and two from the inside, from the indoor training hall. The first floor will consist of extensive exterior decking to provide viewing areas over the existing pitches, and any new facilities (see below), plus two committee rooms, a bar, a kitchen and a club room.

Outside the proposal includes upgrading of the cricket pitch to a standard acceptable for club matches, the construction of artificial tennis courts, two netball courts, a 3G pitch, and possibly a bowling green, all of which will be floodlit to extend their useage. There is also a possibility of acquiring additional land, from Shotover Estate, at the back of the site, to provide 3 additional pitches, for rugby and soccer.

Finally the site of the existing changing rooms and club house will be turned into an 80 to 100 space car park, with the entrance re-located, probably to the far north east corner.

Clearly full provision will be made for disabled access, and full use will be made of developing technologies for heating, power, minimising water use, etc.

Preliminary meetings have been held with SODC Planning and with SODC Sports Development. Once we know their views (one key issue is the impact on green belt, even though we are only proposing in effect to move an existing structure approx 50 metres to the south west) we can proceed with seeking funding, and with detailed design, in consultation with sports community, with the school, who have expressed enthusiastic interest, and with Oxford Brookes University, who would be likely to be a significant daytime user. Or, if planning permission is unlikely, we will have to think again about the viability of the continuing provision of any serious sports facilities in the village.

Paul Edson
16-04-09



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WHEATLEY CHARITIES

(Registered Charity No: 203535)

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PJ Targett
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Wheatley, Oxford
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RF Minty
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Secretary

Janet Redfern
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Mr Gareth Morris
Clerk to the Council
Wheatley Parish Council
The Merry Bells
Wheatley.

12th April 2009

Dear Gareth

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 16TH APRIL 2009


I very much regret that I will be unable to attend the above meeting and speak to the Report of the Trustees for 2008, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

As the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2008 have not, as yet, been examined by an Independent Examiner the Report has not been signed by myself and the Treasurer. The Report has however been approved by the Trustees and will be examined and signed before it's submission to the Charity Commission.

I do not have any points to draw out from it other than to say that a further amount was received from the Legacy of a local benefactor during the year and the number of grants made during the year was slightly higher than the previous year with the total amount of grants made increasing from £3525.00 to £5250.00 this year. We advertise the availability of grants for students and apprentices normally twice a year in The Wheatley Newsletter and, additionally direct to Wheatley Park School, and on local Notice Boards and in the public library. Sadly shortly after the end of the year one of the Trustees, namely Mr Peter Audley-Miller died. He had been a Trustee for more than 33 years and Chairman for 10 years. He has been replaced by the Parish Council by Mr G J Colverson.

Please therefore tender my apologies for absence to the Meeting.

Yours sincerely


Peter Targett, Chairman.

Trustees: GJ Colverson, DAS John, RF Minty, PJ Targett; Rev James Watson



WHEATLEY CHARITIES

Registered charity No: 203535

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Charity's principal address

24 Old London Road, Wheatley, Oxford. OX33 1YW

Trustees

The following trustees acted throughout the year

P J Targett (Chairman)	Appointed by Wheatley parish council
P Audley-Miller	Appointed by Wheatley parish council
Rev'd J Watson	Ex-officio - vicar of the parish of St. Mary, Wheatley
D A S John	Co-optative trustee
R F Minty	Co-optative trustee

Charitable funds

The No. 1 charity is for the benefit of poor residents in the parish of Wheatley (being the Simons Close, Town Meadow and Doctor Cyril Jackson's charities. The No.2 charity is for the benefit of the residents of the parish of Wheatley under the age of 25 years in;

- a) assisting them to prepare for any trade , occupation etc.
- b) otherwise promoting their education.

The No.2 charity comprises the charities and educational foundation of Dame Elizabeth Curzon and Joseph Sims.

The charity is currently governed by a trust deed dated 4 June 1968.

Activities

During the year the charity received a further amount of £12233 from the estate of the late D Fardell. The legacy was unrestricted and £3000 was allocated to the No.1 charity with the balance to the No.2 charity. The trustee's policy is that the bequest should be applied over the next 4 years.

In the year 35 grants at a total cost of £5250 were made. The trustees are working to increase the grant- making activity of the charity with a view to reducing the unrestricted funds of the No.1 charity to £1000 and the No.2 charity to £5000, over the next 4 years.

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

The trustees report was approved by the trustees on

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees;

R F Minty
Treasurer

P J Targett
Chairman



WHEATLEY CHARITIES
Registered charity No: 203535

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Unrestricted Funds			2007 £
	No 1 Charity £	No 2 Charity £	Total £	
Legacy	3000	9233	12233	20655
Investment income	4	2867	2871	2932
Rent	250	0	250	250
Bank interest	374	1761	2135	731
	3628	13861	17489	24568
Less: Grants approved during the year	280	4970	5250	3525
Administration expenses	9	10	19	25
Surplus of income over expenditure	3339	8881	12220	21018
Accumulated surplus brought forward	6557	26742	33299	12281
Accumulated surplus carried forward	9896	35623	45519	33299



WHEATLEY CHARITIES
Registered charity No: 202535

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Unrestricted Funds		Endowment	2007 £
	No 1 Charity £	No 2 Charity £	Fund £	
Bank balances	9856	35623	3950	12249
Amount owing to the charity	40	0	0	36
Investments				
386.00 Charities Official Investment Income units				
3997.37 Charinco Income shares				
3620.00 Invesco Perpetual UK ICVC Income and Growth Fund (Income) units				
2389.00 Invesco Perpetual UK ICVC Income Fund (Income) units				
5836.56 Invesco Institutional ICVC Income and Growth Fund (Income) units				
£166.67 2.5% Consolidated stock				

Land at Wheatley

The accounts were approved by the trustees on

Signed on behalf of the trustees

R F Minty
Treasurer

P J Targett
Chairman

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Howe Trust (Wheatley Common Allotment)

The Howe trust is responsible for approximately 30 acres of land on the north side of Windmill Lane. Some of the land is used for allotments, currently 88, all of which are taken. The remainder of the land is a mixture of grazing, trees and scrub land. Any income from renting the land is used for the benefit of Wheatley residents. The trustees have agreed that creating a more biodiverse environment, encouraging wildlife and making the land accessible for the local population would be of greater benefit than simply generating income.

In view of the increasing demand for allotments and the fact that there is a waiting list, we are in the process of creating 10 new allotments which should be available by the summer.

With regard to the remainder of the land, the area for grazing will be reduced and new gates installed to allow pedestrian access. The services of an ecologist have been engaged and he is providing advice regarding the planting of trees and other aspects of land management. In addition to planting new trees and hedges, we anticipate over the next 5 years to create a wildflower meadow, a new pond, do some hedge laying and create some paths. We hope to recruit local volunteers to help with the work and also anticipate involving pupils from the primary and secondary schools. Practical aspects of the work will be supervised by Kavan Ring.

For further information and offers of help please contact me.

Malcolm Benson
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**The Acting Chairman's Report
The Merry Bells Management Committee
Annual Parish Meeting 2009**

I begin my report by paying tribute to Peter Audley-Miller and Pat Mulcahy Morgan. Both were dedicated members of this committee and their commitment to the Merry Bells was without question, We were fortunate to receive a share of the legacy from Mr Farndell's estate and this was used to assist in the cost of renovations to bring the building up to standard. Indeed much has been done this year, some of which caused inconvenience to our regular users and my grateful thanks go to those who kept faith with us during these weeks and I know that many of you are pleased with the end result.

A building survey was commissioned in 2007 and the building despite its age is in remarkably good condition. During the past year the following has taken place:

- Refurbishment of windows
- Redecoration of the hall
- Window blinds in the hall
- Some repointing of brickwork
- Decoration of porch and fascias
- Burglar alarm system installed
- Final phase of fire precautions
- Hall floor resanded and polished
- Office modernised to include upto date facilities

However there is more to be done, and a survey of the frontage is about to take place with a view to making it pedestrian friendly, more attractive and thereby preventing this area being used as a car park.

Once this has been considered and decisions made, other renovations may be considered.

We are mere custodians of the Merry Bells with a duty of care, and it is hoped that whoever are members of the committee after the AGM on the 7th May, will go forward as a team and continue to carry out their duties with enthusiasm and a will to maintain and improve this much loved building.

Michael Carr
Vice-Chairman/Acting Chairman 16th April 2009



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

WHEATLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 16TH APRIL 2009

The branch has enjoyed an eventful year with a continuing increase in its membership and some welcome innovations. Membership at the end of the year under review totalled 54, an increase of 17 over the year. At the annual County Conference held in January, the Branch received its second successive membership award, this time a certificate for coming third in the county for increasing numbers. Sadly Mr. Charles Todd and Mr. David Beaton passed away during the year. Both were remembered at the meetings immediately following their passing and members attended David Beaton's funeral at Holton Church.

Six meetings, as well as the Annual General Meeting, were held and we were delighted to welcome three serving soldiers to two of them. Cpl. David Paintin of the Royal Logistics Corps and a Legion caseworker in Oxford spoke of his work for the Legion and also of his service in Iraq. Sgt. Jay Webster and L/Cpl. Jimmy Peace of the Parachute Regiment and also of the Red Devils Freefall Parachute Team vividly described the Red Devils activities and demonstrated the equipment used, and L/Cpl. Peace showed photographs of his service in Afghanistan. Other speakers were members of the Branch

The Branch moved its meetings from The Railway to the New Club in time for a splendid Christmas lunch, and Jo Darvill and her team provided a sumptuous meal for more than 50 members and friends. Nevertheless thanks were expressed to the departing staff at The Railway for their unfailing courtesy in hosting meetings since the Branch's re-formation in March 2006.

Members enjoyed lunch at The Fishes at Binsey in August and then walked the short distance to the Commonwealth War Graves Commonwealth cemetery at Hinksey.

During the summer of 2008 Legion branches in the Oxford area began holding Honour Guard parades by the side of the road leading to the John Radcliffe Hospital to pay tribute to soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Wheatley members, including our Standard Bearer, Gerald Baldwin, have been present on every occasion since then and these are always sad but very moving occasions, as standards are lowered and members salute the passing cortege as it nears the end of its journey from RAF Lyneham. Recently these have been occurring tragically often, sometimes every week.

The Poppy Appeal in November raised the record sum of £7534 due to the efforts of many members and friends who collected at Asda, to others from other villages who carried out door to door collections and to retailers who kindly allowed boxes to be placed in their premises. The Branch's work was acknowledged by the Oxford Mail with a report and a photograph.

Membership of the branch is open to those living in Wheatley and the surrounding villages. It is not limited to those who served in the Armed Forces and a warm welcome will be extended to anyone, whether ex-service or otherwise, who wishes to join. Please contact any of the officers for details.

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Wheatley Parish Clerk

From: Rye [Bernice@rye83.fsnet.co.uk]
Sent: 12 April 2009 11:10
To: clerk@wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: annual parish meeting and new bin collection

Gareth,

When the new collection service begins will a county bin be allocated at Asda, for items such as batteries, light bulbs textiles etc which cannot go in the black bin.

I am unable to come to annual parish meeting my report is as follows:

The guides have been open for 4 years and all the original guides have now left having completed their 4 years as guides. We have a full unit of girls who come every week and continue to enjoy the evenings.

Activities have included, cooking, craft, healthy living, global, recycling, who is around in the community. We had two Saturday mornings at Wheatley Fire Station.

A holiday was held in July which was enjoyed by the girls.

In July 2011 I will retire from active guiding and my assistant will transfer to Cowley. I am looking for 2 ladies who would be prepared to work with me and are willing to take over. If I do not find anyone in the next 12 months the guides will close.

Bernice Rye,
Guide Guider



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THE EMMA WILSON MEMORIAL FUND
Jan Raynor (Secretary)

The Memorial Fund was set up in January 1990 to commemorate the life of Emma Wilson. Monetary awards and certificates are made to young people up to the age of twenty one who are resident in the villages of Wheatley or Littleworth. Awards are made to those who have given their time on a voluntary basis to help individuals, groups or organisations of any kind in our community.

In 2008 the Fund received a substantial contribution of £32,887 from the legacy of Mr. Farnell. (Twelve Wheatley Cahrities received the same sum.) The Trustees are aware of the additional responsibility that this places on them and they have been reviewing the range of grants that it is prepared to make. Keeping a focus of young people contributing to community life the Trustees have begun to make grants to community youth organisations and schools in support of their social and cultural contribution to the community. This wider remit is still under review and the Trustees are currently considering a proposal to set up a grants fund to support initiatives by young people which will be of benefit to the community.

During 2008 awards were made to several pupils of **Wheatley Primary School** for their achievements within the school community and a donation was also given for the purchase of new musical instruments which we hope will enhance the musical life of the school.

A donation was made to the **John Watson School** for a specialised musical instrument specifically designed for the use of disabled children.

Prizes were sponsored at **Wheatley Park** for pupils contributing to the community life of the school and the school also received a grant from the Fund to support their link with a school in Uganda. This is an exciting project involving return visits of teachers and students between the two countries.

Once again this year the trustees were delighted to give awards to two older members of the **Gym Club** for their conscientious assistance with the younger children.

Recently the Trust has made a contribution towards an organ scholarship for a young person in our community to learn to play the church organ at **St Mary's**.

If you have noticed any young person giving of their time and skill voluntarily to enrich the work of an organisation or activity in Wheatley please nominate them for an award.

Too often young people are criticized, whereas we all know young people who are thoughtful, kind and helpful. We should recognise this and reward them.

Contact Jan Raynor 873695



WHEATLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2009

WHEATLEY PRODUCTIONS REPORT

Summary

- Three Productions with two Major Productions per year
- 'Grown-up' Plays – supporting Holton & Garsington
- Peter Wild Award in conjunction with Wheatley Society
- Community Theatre Company
- Escalating Costs
- Growing relationship with Wheatley Park School
- Our Day Out
- Aladdin
- It Must Be Love
- Future Productions
 - Horses
 - Cinderella
- New Community Theatre

Notes

For over 30 years Wheatley Productions (WP) has been delivering three Productions each year and today the levels of creativity and high production standards remains. Our most recent production, Aladdin, with its high quality Sets, Lighting, over 100 Costumes and a cast of over 50 local people was a good example.

There is a potential danger that WP is not performing 'grown-up' Drama, but we have actively supported the regeneration of Holton and Garsington Productions to fill this slot.

With our large numbers of young people included in our casts and the successful mixing of old and young, we have remained a true Community Theatre Company.

In this 12 month period our first Production was the long-awaited Our Day Out, which was a superb mix of adults and young people delivering a superb production of drama and comedy. First time Wheatley Park students have worked directly with us and proved a strong and successful relationship plus we worked with their PTA for the first time.

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In conjunction with Wheatley Society the Peter Wild Award for WP unsung heroes went to Helen Cross and Janet Taylor for years of service to Costumes and Props. Presented at It Must Be Love the second very successful Review/Cabaret style evening with BYO food and drink it is now part of our calendar. All proceeds go to charity.

This production was preceded by a return to traditional pantomime and many of the old faces made welcome returns plus some new talents and over 20 primary school children had important roles. Virtually sold-out for the two Saturday performances it was a great success. Again we worked closely with the Primary School PTA to provide refreshments etc

Despite the good attendance, we did not make the necessary profits to fund other productions as in the past, such as the Opera performed in 2007. For our Pantomime, we were only in profit due to the donation of rehearsal facilities from Wheatley Park School as we find it too expensive to rehearse at the Primary School. However we remain committed to presenting our annual Family Show in January at the Primary School and the next show for 2010 is scheduled to be Cinderella

For the majority of our other Productions, we have effectively transferred to Wheatley Park and in October we will present Horses one of Mick Jones' Community Plays

The future is not without its difficulties, but we remain committed to our standards, values and the Wheatley Community

And the future could be especially exciting as we are part of the development of a dedicated theatre to be built at Wheatley Park in the next five years as a true Community Theatre

Colin Ring, Chairman

Ian Germain, Production Manager

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Wheatley Windmill Restoration Society. Report to Wheatley Annual Parish Meeting, 2009.

WWRS had another active year in 2008. When the fan wheel arrived in October, its installation completed the external restoration of the mill. Since then the millwrights have been very busy inside and are now looking towards test running the entire machinery within a month or two. The sail cloths arrived in March and are temporarily stored inside the mill. Our expenditure on restoration was £28,500, whereas, thanks to a loyal and thrifty band of volunteers, our administration costs at £500 worked out at 1.75% of this total. Every time we look at the sails, we remember the generosity of Dennis Farndell towards the society. The next open occasion will be on Sunday 10th May from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.. Be there!



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THE WHEATLEY SOCIETY

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting, 16th April 2009

Membership is 118 families, 4 less than the previous year; 3 of these had been deaths of members, and though we had new members, a few had left the village. Praise is given to the 10 street reps, who were instrumental in collecting subscriptions and the distribution of our programme of events over the year.

There was a varied programme of 13 events during the year - 3 walks, one of which included the Forest Hill walk from the new Footpaths booklet; 5 talks; a wine tasting; a very successful Safari Supper; a visit to a local vineyard; a visit to Oxford Playhouse and the annual Clever Cloggs quiz. The Society also had a refreshment tent in the Church Road rec. on May Day, with profits going to a local charity. Planning and Environment – the Society tried to keep abreast of Planning legislation at the Parish and District Council.

Financially there was a loss of £107 during the year, although some events made a small profit. Extra expenditure included the Society's "Peter Wild Award to the Wheatley Drama Group".

A new Footpaths Booklet was produced after several members walked the routes to update the previous information. In particular the walk over the Waterstock golf course needed confirming. The walk to Forest Hill, over Red Hill was one of our walks during the summer. The Booklet is available from the Library and the Archive Room at £3.50. Definitely a worthwhile buy!

The Wheatley Information Booklet is also being updated (on behalf of the Parish Council) and will be reprinted. It is expected to put the information onto a Wheatley Parish website, so that it can be more easily updated in the future. However, progress has been slow, especially with regard to a website.

Footpaths and cycleways are one of the key features arising from the Parish Plan which was prepared by the Wheatley Society in 2004. There are several areas of progress, including the Brookside Footpath (Ambrose Rise to Crown Road), the developments on a path through the Howe, in conjunction with the Howe Trust, and the threat to the well-used footpath beside the mobile homes site. Progress with a cycleway from ASDA to Roman Road is a good idea, but seems to be impractical at present.

The Cullum Road recreation ground revamp was also in the Parish Plan, but has had a slow start but the feedback from questionnaires was most encouraging. Further ideas are needed and more grants should be sought.

Officers of the Wheatley Society for 2009 are:

President	Margaret Rosenthal
Vice Presidents	Michael Vaughton and Marian Darkin
Chairman/Secretary	Jim Watson
Treasurer	David Harverson
Events Organiser	David Mancey
Committee Members	Martin Tims, Ros Macleod Tims, Christopher Sprent, Sally Lessiter, Leigh Darnton, Roger Bell



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St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley



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Annual Parish Meeting 2009

St Mary's Church

Increasing and younger congregation

Millennium Project gave village venue (200+) second only to school for concerts etc - now being well utilised

Village burial ground for all denominations – some 10 years space for graves; no limit to interment of ashes. Parish support for maintenance of graveyard appreciated.

In past year we have installed a new reception area with cupboards, shelves and counter

Also commenced complete renewal of stone on west end of south aisle, including window. Phased programme – overall cost £50 K +. Phases A & B completed in 2008 at £15K...6K from OHCT rest from Friends of St Mary's. Almost all major work on fabric over past 5 years paid for by the Friends – some 80 Wheatley people who are ensuring the church will be available for use by future generations.

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Wheatley Area Plans for 2009 For Annual Parish Meeting

April 2009

The Fusion Wheatley team has received much encouragement in the past through prayer, fellowship and support as we work in the local community. Outlined below are the programmes we hope to undertake during 2009.

Fusion Wheatley is committed to bring local Christians and people of like mind together to build and sustain their local community. If you would like to find out more about the work or to be involved in specific areas, either locally or nationally, we'd love to hear from you. Please do just ask for further details.

Children & Families Work

Summer Kidz Club

24th-27th August 2009

This week long holiday club attracts over 100 children and is much loved by all who attend. Early plans are already under way for this year's event, which will be the sixth in succession.

After School Club

Wheatley Primary School 3:30- 4:45 – once a week

The Club started after the 2007 Summer Kidz Club. This programme builds on the success of the kids summer club in helping our children become all they were made to be. The Club will be taking a break during summer term this year and restarting in September.

Foundations for Families

May 2009

Following on from the success of the 2008 course in Wheatley, this tried and tested support programme/course for parents and families is both fun and informative. An evening series (6 sessions) starts on May 5th.

Community Work

Festivals

Winter Mini-Funday, Cullum Rd Rec – Saturday 21st February

St. George's Day Family Funday, Church Rd Rec – Saturday April 25th

Late Summer Funday, Cullum Rd Rec – date to be announced

Festivals bring local inhabitants together, giving them a taste of what community can be like. Fusion aims to create an Open Crowd – where everyone is welcome and where love and service are core values. Last year's St George's Funday attracted around 600 from across the community, with another 400 attending our autumn Harvest event.

Advent Pageant

December 2009 – date to be confirmed

After the successful events of the last two years, plans are under way to run a bigger Pageant at the end of 2009, working with local schools and churches to re-tell the Christmas story in a fun and engaging way. Children dress as characters from the Christmas story and process, with a donkey, through the village, asking for a 'room at the Inn' but being turned away and finishing at a stable scene for carol singing and presentations by the pupils.

As in 2008, we plan to work with the local Council to help provide a Christmas tree for the village and arrange for community carols around the tree, after the Pageant.



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Youth Work

School Lunch Programme

Wheatley Park School, weekly from 1:15-2:00

Fusion has been doing occasional lunch time programmes with the year 7/8's for 3 years now. The team, by providing a positive role-model and activities for students, has been able to establish a popular and engaging lunch-time environment. Our team hopes to do similar work in 2009.

School Mentoring Skills

Each term, as arranged

To date Fusion has hosted training 2 teams of over 30 year 11s in the skill of mentoring – all aimed at helping young people develop and become more of who they were made to be.

Daytrips

Monthly throughout 2009

Daytrips are high-energy outings, taking place every 4-5 weeks, which give youngsters an experience of a community where they are loved, valued and can find more of who they are.

Bible Study Group (Food for Thought)

Twice Monthly on Friday evenings

Fusion help run a local Bible study group for young people who want to take their faith seriously and let their lives be shaped by this commitment. The evening involves a meal, followed by Bible reading and discussion.

Wheatley Youth Group

Twice Monthly on Friday evenings

Plans are being made to start a fortnightly youth group for the 11-14 age range in the village. This would link into other Fusion Youth Work and provide a fun, safe and challenging place to be.

Fusion Administration

Fusion full time staff are not paid by the organization and are dependant on the generosity of their supporters to carry on the mission God has given them. Staff do sometimes struggle to make ends meet, so if you are interested in supporting a local Fusion worker, please don't hesitate to contact Gordon Ewbank (873326) or Erica Cave (351226).

Thank you.

Gordon Ewbank
Fusion Youth & Community Wheatley

Wheatley Village Archive (2008/9)

We have had over 50 visitors during the year - many wanting to see photographs relating to their schooldays, or to research their family history. (If you are interested in Family History we can help you to trace relatives who lived in Wheatley. We have splendid collection of Family Trees for over thirty of the old Wheatley Families including: Clements, Cripps, Munt, Tombs, and Shepherd.)

Last June we were invited to provide photographs for the 150th Anniversary of the Primary School and they now have copies of over 130 of our photographs.

During the course of the year we have photographed all the houses in Littleworth, and recorded what we know about the people who have lived in them. We have also completed the photographic record of the houses in Old Road.

We are always extremely grateful to the people who kindly donate artefacts and photographs of Wheatley in the past - whether they are of people, buildings or 'occasions'. Roy Davis kindly donated a large collection of Bonnie Martin's (1919 - 1992) photographs and memorabilia. Bonnie had lived in Littleworth for most of his life and was an enthusiastic supporter of local football and cricket teams, and umpired many cricket matches. Kath Hillsdon, who also lived in Littleworth for much of her life, gave us some family photographs; and Mary Sturch donated a collection of late Victorian and Edwardian Christening robes, a wedding dress, shawls and family mementos;

We hope that everyone here is aware that the Archive Rom is open every Thursday afternoon from 2 - 5 pm (please spread this news!) and we welcome interested visitors. We have a number of information books about Wheatley for sale, and we raise a small amount of money from the sale of these books, and other promotional materials - but we run on the proverbial shoe-string!

We are extremely grateful to the Parish Council which has given us a grant of £1,000 each year to pay for the rent of our room in The Merry Bells. Without this support we would not be able to look after these treasures of Wheatley's past.

The Archive group will be represented at the May Day celebrations on May 4th, and the Library Open Day on May 14th. We have also been invited to support the Veterans' Day Exhibition in the Merry Bells on Saturday 27th June.

Susan Prest
March 2009



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Wheatley Community Action Group Report to Wheatley Parish Council April 2009

Community Action Groups (or CAGs) are a project initiated by Oxfordshire County Council with a 'Sustainability' mandate as part of the County's obligations under "Agenda 21". There are several CAGs in the county, for which OCC provides some ongoing support in the form of dedicated advisers, meetings, training and occasional loan of equipment, but does not cover all the financial costs of the groups. The organization and work of the local groups is done entirely by volunteers. The Wheatley CAG group was set up in March 2006, and our first activity was to organise a Swap Shop as part of a County-wide event

Swap Shops

Swap Shops are intended to reduce the volume of material going into land fill by encouraging reuse of unwanted material. Local people are invited to bring usable items which they no longer need, and they can look at what others have brought and take whatever appeals to them. There is no direct "swap", and no money changes hands. At the end of the session the volunteers sort what is left into different categories; saleable items to give to charity shops around the locality, sorted material to be recycled through Redbridge, and inevitably some land fill.

Swap Shops have been held in the Merry Bells and, occasionally, at Wheatley Primary School. Typical attendances are 250 to 300 people who leave with typically about 800 kg of 'stuff'. Since January this year we have been able to carry out Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) on electrical equipment, and we are now able to swap items like mobile phone chargers, vacuum cleaners and computers (previously, for insurance reasons, these items had to go for landfill). At present we plan to hold 4 Swap Shops per year.

Finance

Our main expenses are the hire of the venue, and the hire of a van to get rid of the leftovers – the average cost is about £90 per swap shop. Most of our income is a £250 per year grant from the County Council, and this is supplemented by donations and a small amount from refreshments.

Recycling Information

We have produced a useful fact sheet listing where to take unwanted items for reuse or recycling in the locality. This is updated regularly, and is available at the Swap Shop, in the Library and can be downloaded from our website www.wheatleycag.org

Future Activities

Wheatley CAG is keen to undertake other local projects to improve sustainability. In the past year we have attempted, (sadly, without success) to promote car sharing and drive share schemes in the village. This year we intend to start campaign on energy, to help people in the village reduce energy consumption and the 'Carbon Footprint'.

We welcome new members – if you have ideas for making more sustainable, please talk to us – we may be able to help you!



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Wheatley Parish Council

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2008

Year ended 31-Mar-07		year ended 31-Mar-08
	INCOME	
80907	Precept	89128
2848	Interest received	3377
31	Allotments	37
	Capital Receipts	40347
70	Photocopies	28
13425	Newsletter Advertising	14400 14492
280	Green and recycling bags	138
1046	Playground fundraising	
500	Miscellaneous	655
1800	OCC for Verges	1775
<u>100908</u>		<u>149976</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
23763	Clerk's salary inc NICs	24181
14008	Other establishment costs	14824
3759	Section 137	2292
	Running costs	
11316	Open Spaces - wages, NICs & exps	9961
18701	Open Spaces other osts	23871
273	Old Burial Ground	4881
228	Plastic sacks	153
11023	Publicity (costs of newsletter)	12010
41540		50875
-228	Bus tokens @£5	
1500	Provision for Part-time youth worker	
16213	Capital spending	50883
3270	Loans (repayments and interest)	3160
460	Provision for doubtful debts	
<u>104285</u>		<u>146214</u>
	GENERAL FUND	
15036	General Fund O/B	19826
100908	Income	149976
115944		169802
104285	Less Expenditure	146214
11659		23588
8167	Transfers from General Fund	10946
19826	Balance at 31 march	<u>34534</u>

Wheatley Parish Council
Detailed Balance Sheet
For the year ended 31 March 2008

Year ended 31-Mar-07	£		Year ended 31-Mar-08
		CURRENT ASSETS	
70912		Cash at bank	71917
4455		Debtors	7125
		Prepayments	
<u>1932</u>		VAT Recoverable	<u>234</u>
77300			79276
		less CURRENT LIABILITIES	
3297		Creditors	1510
<u>2050</u>		Accruals	<u>2050</u>
<u>5347</u>			<u>3560</u>
<u>71954</u>		NET ASSETS	<u>75715</u>
		Represented by	
		Earmarked Reserves	
28230		Pedestrian & Road Safety Measures	28230
10247		Playground Equipment	0
1950		Bus shelters	1951
3000		Seating & Lighting Reserve	4000
<u>7700</u>		Maintenance Reserve re Coopers CI	<u>7000</u>
52127			41181
<u>18926</u>		General Fund at 31 March	<u>34534</u>
<u>71954</u>			<u>75715</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority and reflects its income and expenditure during the year

Signed

Chairman

RFO

Financial report, 2008-09

Our budget increase this year on last year's precept was a modest 2.8%, which is the absolute minimum we think we can manage on in view of the exciting plans we intend to bring to fruition over the next 12 months. It is traditional to begin by picking out some of the highlights of last year. By a vigorous process of attrition, we at last succeeded in getting the sixth of the dropped kerbs we paid for in advance the previous financial year. By sheer persistence, the clerk also cracked the procedure for getting the county council's contribution towards our programme of cutting grass verges fully paid and up to date. The goal posts in Church Road rec arrived. They have proved to be popular all the year round, while they are not an obstacle to May Day revels. WE have nw got the replacement seat from the WI in the Old Burial Ground. It is angled towards a carefully selected view of the conservation area. The entrance to this area from High Street was refurbished in 2007-08 and now that we have police community support officers here regularly, we have decided to scrap the idea of planting select corners with prickly shrubs.

The parish council continued to support Wheatley Archives and the CAB this year. After a second spell of sock leave, Steve Wensley returned to work on light duties. We now have him and John Funge as our roaming problem solvers within the built part of the village. Our major work was to refurbish the verge on the south side of the footpath from Station Road to Farm Close Road. A neat grassed area has replaced scrubby shrubs, litter and much assorted rubble, while neighbours have replaced their fallen fences, to that the whole length now looks cared for.

There are at least three projects ahead; a 4th edition of Wheatley Information Booklet is in hand; (local artists, start working on a design for the cover now please!) one of the newest councillors is kindly working on getting Wheatley a website of its own. My plan of this is that we should give viewers an opportunity to see the sails of the windmill turn, as a rival attraction to Horspath's offering of birdsong the other side of the hill. The most exciting project is of course the proposed refurbishment of Cullum Road recreation ground. Next year, I hope we'll all know how it all turned out..
CMD 16.04.09.



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Wheatley Annual Parish Meeting
16th April 2009

Parish Chairman's Report
Janet Carr

Another eventful year and one in which we sadly lost two of our long term council members, Peter Audley-Miller, also a past Chairman, and Pat Mulcahy-Morgan, both of whom were longstanding stalwarts of this council and I pay tribute to both of them, this is indeed the end of an era.

Throughout the year much discussion concerning various issues has taken place, namely Affordable Housing, Church Road Traffic, A40 Noise, Flooding, Core Strategy, Green Belt Issues, Cullum Road Recreation Ground and many more.

Nineteen units are the suggested number for affordable housing in response to the returned questionnaire's, and talks are ongoing between Sovereign Housing Association and the owner's of the land.

It looks as if the County Council is likely to implement, at last, the Parish Council's scheme for Church Road, and an extended footpath around the Round House will be pursued after this scheme has been achieved.

The campaign for an improved A40 road surface, a three mile stretch between Sandhills and Wheatley continues, as the County Council has agreed to resurface only the west bound carriageway between Wheatley and the first Forest Hill Turn.

An application for a Playbuilder Grant has been successful and we have just heard that an amount of £46,000 has been offered towards the redevelopment of Cullum Road Recreation Ground, which is mainly due to Councillor Fyffe for her attention to detail, hence the high quality of the application.

On the 29th April the Parish Council will meet to decide on a response to the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy Preferred Options Consultation March 2009, which is part of the Local Development Framework 2026, and must be received by South Oxfordshire District Council no later than May 1st 2009.

This is a working document and a number of changes have already been made as a result of various workshops and internal consultations, however contentious issues such as suggested building on the Green Belt remain, therefore Wheatley must be very thorough with its response.

Throughout the year various grants have been made, the W.I. seat replacement has been placed in the Memorial Garden, the footpath from



Farm Close Road was completed, the continuation of the Ambrose Rise footpath to Roman Road, ie replace grass with tarmac, is imminent, Primary schoolchildren assisted with replanting in the Memorial Garden and the Square, Fusion supplied a Christmas Tree and Parish Council provided the lights and so the never ending list goes on, but I will end there!
My thanks to you all for your attendance and reports, which is appreciated and important to this council.

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WHEATLEY PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 29th April 2008

AGENDA

- 1 **MINUTES** of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 02.04.2007
- 2 **MATTERS ARISING**
- 3 **PRESENTATION BY SODC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TEAM**
- 4 **REPORTS**

The following reports have been invited. * indicates report received

- i **THAMES VALLEY POLICE*** - PCSO Ken Cooney
- ii **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
- iii **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
- iv **DISTRICT COUNCIL**
- v **WHEATLEY SPORTSFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*** - Mary Blake
- vi **WHEATLEY CHARITIES*** - Peter Audley-Miller
- vii **WHEATLEY COMMON ALLOTMENT-THE HOWE TRUST**
- viii **MERRY BELLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
- ix **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MEN'S SECTION*** - Peter Jackson
- x **WHEATLEY SCOUT GROUP** – Bob Lowrie
- xi **WHEATLEY GIRL GUIDES*** - Bernice Rye
- xii **WHEATLEY INTEGRATED NURSERY SCHOOL**
- xiii **ADULT LEARNING (FORMERLY COMMUNITY EDUCATION)**
- xiv **WHEATLEY PRODUCTIONS**
- xv **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH**
- xvi **YOUTH CENTRE**
- xvii **WHEATLEY WINDMILL RESTORATION SOCIETY**
- xviii **WHEATLEY SOCIETY *** - Jim Watson
- xix **ST MARY'S CHURCH.**
- xx **FUSION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY*** - Gordon Ewbank
- xxi **WHEATLEY VILLAGE ARCHIVE**
- xxii **WHEATLEY VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION***
- xxiii **WHEATLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**
- xxiv **WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL, HOLTON**
- xxv **REPORTS FROM OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**
- xxvi **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT*** - Cllr Dalton
- xxvii **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

At the end of the meeting all those attending are welcome to stay for refreshments



Gareth Morris

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